Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

[Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health Association.]

Statement of occupation.—Precise statement of occupation is very important, so that the relative healthfulness of various pursuits can be known. The question applies to each and every person, irrespective of age. For many occupations a single word or term on the first line will be sufficient, e. g., Farmer or Planter, Physician, Compositor, Architect, Locomotive engineer, Civil engineer, Stationary fireman, etc. But in many cases, especially in industrial employments, it is necessary to know (a) the kind of work and also (b) the nature of the business or industry, and therefore an additional line is provided for the latter statement; it should be used only when needed. As examples: (a) Spinner, (b) Cotton mill; (a) Salesman, (b) Grocery; (a) Foreman, (b) Automobile factory. The material worked on may form part of the second statement. Never return "Laborer," "Foreman," "Manager," "Dealer," etc., without more precise specification, as Day laborer, Farm laborer, Laborer-Coal mine, etc. Women at home, who are engaged in the duties of the household only (not paid Housekeepers who receive a definite salary), may be entered as Housewife, Housework, or At home, and children, not gainfully employed, as At school or At home. Care should be taken to report specifically the occupations of persons engaged in domestic service for wages, as Servant, Cook, Housemaid, etc. If the occupation has been changed or given up on account of the disease causing death, state occupation at beginning of illness. If retired from business, that fact may be indicated thus: Farmer (retired, 6 urs.) For persons who have no occupation whatever, write None.

Statement of cause of death.—Name, first, the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH (the primary affection with respect to time and causation), using always the same accepted term for the same disease. Examples: Cerebrospinal fever (the only definite synonym is "Epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis"); Diphtheria (avoid use of "Croup"); Typhoid fever (never report

"Typhoid pneumonia"): Lobar pneumonia; Bronchopneumonia ("Pneumonia," unqualified, is indefinite); Tuberculosis of lungs, meninges, peritonaeum, etc., Carcinoma, Sarcoma, etc., of (name origin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor" for malignant neoplasms); Measles; Whooping cough; Chronic valvular heart disease; Chronic interstitial nephritis, etc. The contributory (secondary or intercurrent) affection need not be stated unless important. Example: Measles (disease causing death), 29 ds.; Bronchopneumonia (secondary), 10 ds. Never report mere symptoms or terminal conditions, such as "Asthenia," "Anaemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy,"
"Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Haemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uraemia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "Puerperal septichaemia," "Puerperal peritonitis," etc. State cause for which surgical operation was undertaken. For violent deaths state MEANS OF INJURY and qualify as accidental, sui-CIDAL, OR HOMICIDAL, or as probably such, if impossible to determine definitely. Examples: Accidental drowning; Struck by railway train-accident; Revolver wound of head-homicide: Poisoned by carbolic acidprobably suicide. The nature of the injury, as fracture of skull, and consequences (e. g., sepsis, tetanus) may be stated under the head of "Contributory." (Recommendations on statement of cause of death approved by Committee on Nomenclature of the American Medical Association.)

ALL INFORMATION CALLED BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON CERTIFICATE OF DEATH THIS SUPPLEMENTARY. 3 1. PLACE OF DE Pile No..... should Registered No. / / Primary Begistration District No. GEO Township PHYSICIANS PRESCRI 2. FULL NAME..... (a) Residence. idence Ne. (Usual place/of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State) A S Length of residence in city or town where death occurred How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? COMPLETE MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR 3 SEX 4. COLOR OR RACE 16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) DIVORCED (write the word) 17. ARE . That I attended deceased from 5a. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF ۵ Ŧ 6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) UNTIL THE CAUSE OF BEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS: If LESS than 1 7. AGE YEARS DAYS MONTHS CERTIFICATES 8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or perticular kind of work CONTRIBUTORY..... (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in FOR which employed (or employer)..... (duration) yrs. mes. de (c) Name of employer 18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED 9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH?.... (STATE OR COUNTRY) DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATHY...... DATE OF RICEIVE Every item of information shoul OF DEATH in plain terms, so 10. NAME OF FATHER WAS THERE AN AUTOPYY 11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) WHAT TEST CONFIRMED PLAGNOSIS?.... RENTS F S S (STATE OR COUNTRY) 12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER , 19 (Address) BHALL 13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY DES *State the Disease Causino Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or (STATE OR COUNTRY) HOMICIDAL. (See reverte ride for additional space.) EGISTRARS 14. 19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL INFORMANT (Address) 15. 20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS MAL REGISTRAR

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